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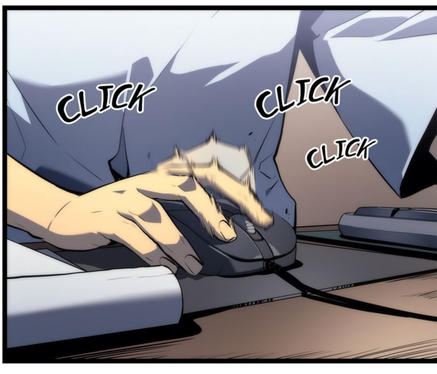

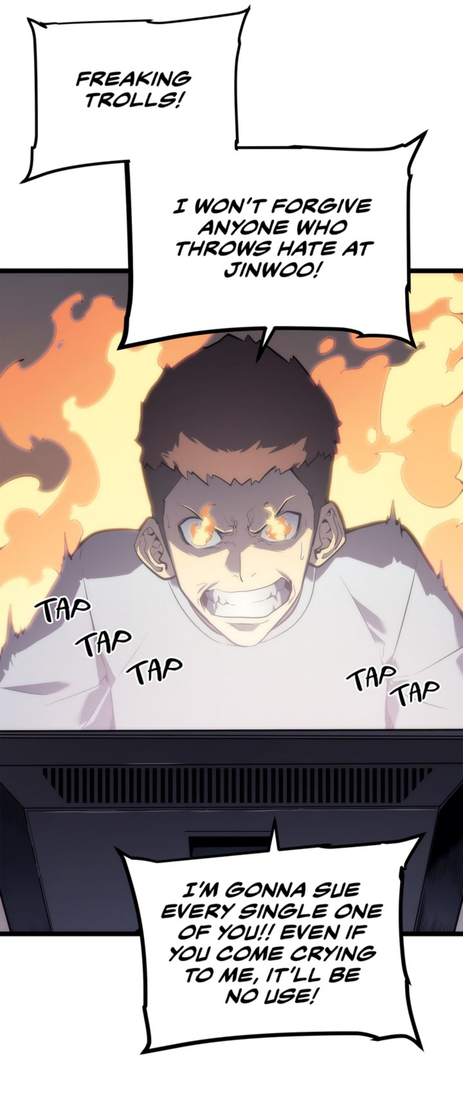
FREAKING TROLLS!
I WON'T FORGIVE ANYONE WHO THROWS HATE AT JINWOO!
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
I'M GONNA SUE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU!! EVEN IF YOU COME CRYING TO ME, IT'LL BE NO USE!

WHEW!

TOOK ANOTHER ONE DOWN TODAY.

I MANAGED TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER BAND OF HATERS TRYING TO SMEAR JINWOO'S NAME.

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK.

GAAH!

S, SIR!

HE ALWAYS DISAPPEARS WITHOUT A TRACE AND THEN POPS UP OUT OF NOWHERE.
EVERYTHING GOOD?
YES, SIR.
WHY DO YOU LOOK SO DISHEVELED?

I JUST CAME BACK FROM A GATE.
YOU SAID WE NEEDED A BIT MORE MONEY TO START OUR GUILD, RIGHT?
WHOA, THESE ARE PREMIUM ESSENCE STONES!
DID YOU CLEAR A HIGH-RANKING GATE?

YOU NEVER CEASE TO IMPRESS ME, SIR!

THIS WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO PAY OUR EMPLOYEE!
EMPLOYEE?

YES, DON'T YOU REMEMBER? WE NEED ONE MORE FOUNDING MEMBER.
AH, YOU SAID WE NEED AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE, RIGHT?
A GUILD MASTER, A VICE GUILD MASTER, AND ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER.

EVEN THOUGH WE JUST NEED SOMEONE TO FILL THE HEADCOUNT, IT'D BE NICE IF WE COULD FIND A DILIGENT PERSON.
WE AREN'T LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TEMPORARY, AFTER ALL.
ANYWAY, IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT?
THERE'S ONE MORE URGENT MATTER THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED.

HM?

HAVE YOU CHOSEN A NAME FOR OUR GUILD?

OH...
I THOUGHT IT WAS SOMETHING IMPORTANT.
THIS IS A SUPER-DUPER IMPORTANT MATTER, SIR!

WHAT ABOUT "SUNG-YOO GUILD," AFTER OUR LAST NAMES?
"YOOSUNG GUILD" HAS A BETTER RING TO IT, BUT I CAN'T HAVE MY NAME COME BEFORE YOURS.
BABBLE
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PERHAPS WE COULD COMBINE THE LAST TWO SYLLABLES OF OUR FIRST NAMES AND CALL IT THE "WOOHO GUILD." OR WHAT ABOUT THE MIDDLE SYLLABLES? "JINJIN GUILD" DOESN'T SOUND TOO BAD EITHER...
WHAT ABOUT "SOLO PLAYER GUILD"?

SINCE I BASICALLY HUNT SOLO.

WAS THAT SUPPOSED TO BE A JOKE?

...I ALWAYS THOUGHT HE WAS GOOD AT EVERYTHING, BUT I GUESS NOT.

HE'S HUMAN, TOO, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US...

WHO IS IT?

IS THIS
MR. SUNG JINWOO'S
OFFICE?
CREAK
YES, IT IS.
MAY I ASK
WHO...

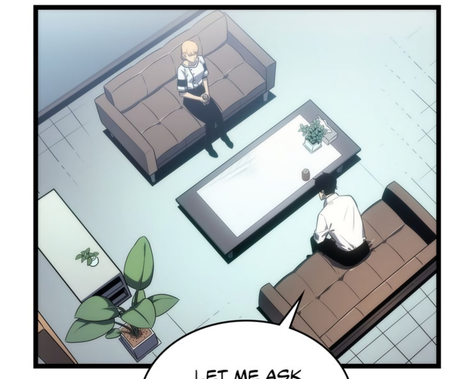
MS. CHA HAE-IN?!

WHAT
BRINGS YOU HERE,
MS. CHA?

W, WELL...

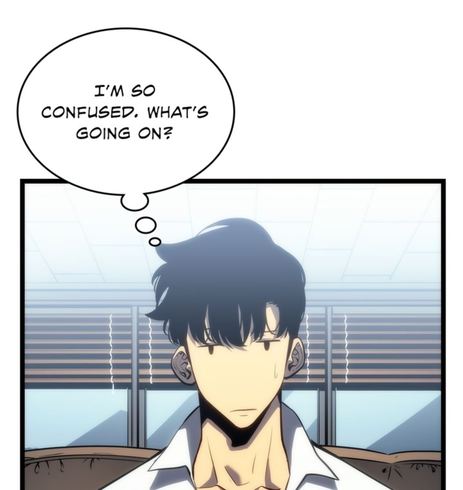
I'VE COME TO...

...SIGN UP FOR YOUR GUILD.


LET ME ASK YOU AGAIN. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

YOU HEARD ME.
SIP

I WANT TO...
...JOIN YOUR GUILD.


I'M SO CONFUSED. WHAT'S GOING ON?

DID MR. GO PUT YOU UP TO THIS?
WHAT? WHY WOULD HE...
OR DID MR. CHOI KICK YOU OUT OF THE HUNTERS GUILD?
NO...

THEN WHAT IS IT?
WHY DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE "SOLO PLAYER GUILD"?

TH, THE NAME OF YOUR GUILD IS "SOLO PLAYER"?
YES. DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE NAME THAT THE VICE GUILD MASTER AND I AGREED ON?

SERIOUSLY, SIR?! SOLO PLAYER GUILD?! HAVE YOU ALREADY SETTLED ON THAT NAME?!

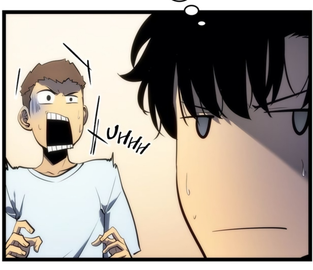
DOES MY OPINION NOT MATTER TO YOU?!

??

YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING, SO I TOOK IT AS A SIGN OF APPROVAL.

NO, WAIT. I NEED TO CALM DOWN FIRST.

THIS WHOLE SITUATION IS CONFUSING... IT'S CLOUDING MY SENSE OF JUDGMENT.



HER HEART IS BEATING FAST, HER BREATHING IS UNEVEN, AND SHE'S AVOIDING MY GAZE.

SHE'S TRYING HER HARDEST TO KEEP HER COOL, BUT THERE'S NO FOOLING ME.

WHY DOES SHE WANT TO JOIN MY GUILD SO BADLY?

FROM WHAT I KNOW, MS. CHA, IT HASN'T EVEN BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE YOU AWAKENED AS A HUNTER.

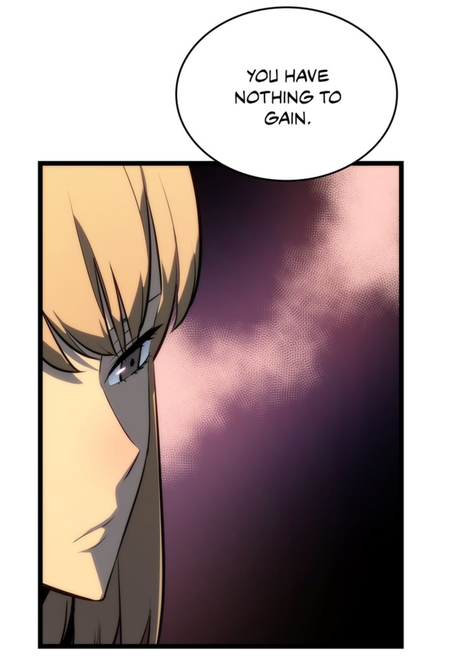
I'M PRETTY SURE YOUR CONTRACT WITH THE HUNTERS GUILD HASN'T ENDED YET.

I HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY THE PENALTY FOR BREACHING THE CONTRACT.

SHE'S WILLING TO PAY A PENALTY?

OUR GUILD CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY AN ADVANCE THAT WILL BE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH FOR A HUNTER OF YOUR CALIBER.
...IT DOESN'T MATTER.

I DON'T NEED AN ADVANCE.



HOW DO I EXPLAIN MY REASONING TO HIM?

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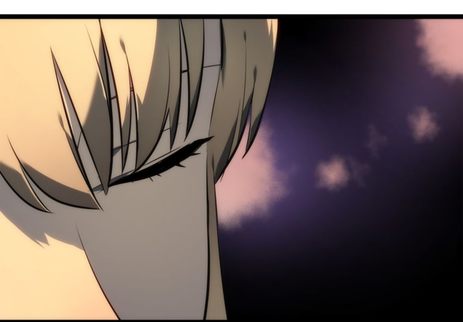


HE'LL THINK I'M CRAZY IF I TELL HIM THE TRUTH.
IT STARTED OUT AS...

HE DOESN'T HAVE... A FOUL STENCH.
IS THERE A PROBLEM?
ARE YOU REALLY A HUNTER?
GRAB
...A CURIOSITY.
WHAT IS IT, MS. CHA? YOU DON'T USUALLY CALL THIS LATE.

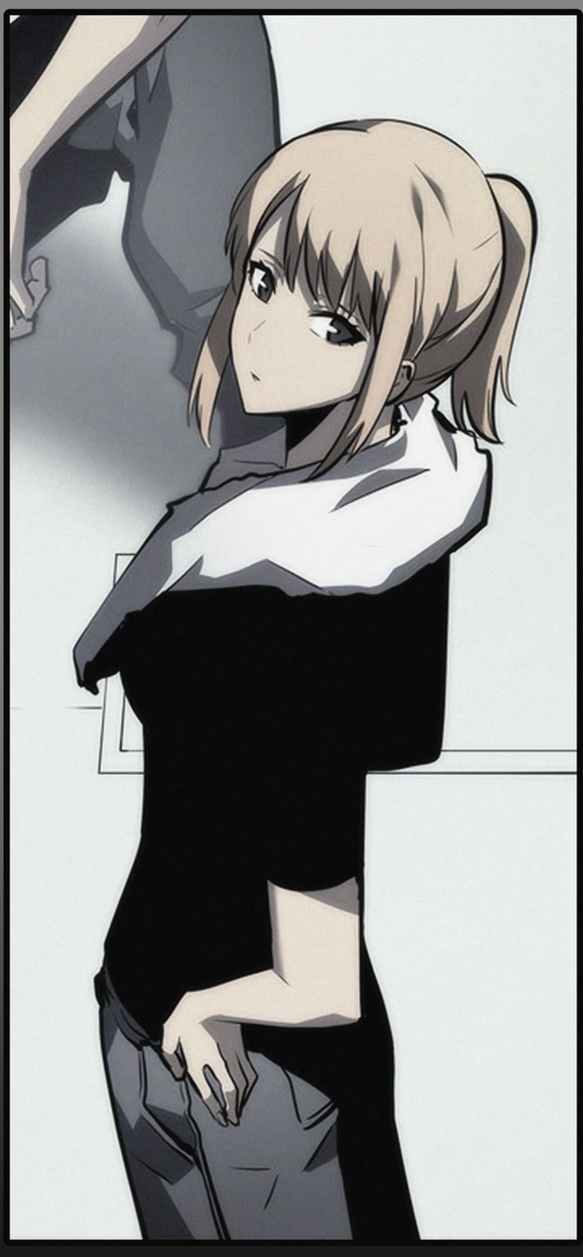
CAN YOU GET ME SOME INFORMATION ON ONE OF THE MINERS? HIS NAME IS SUNG JINWOO.
I WAS ATTRACTED TO HIS SCENT.
SO THIS IS WHAT HE IS REALLY CAPABLE OF...
HE'S NO DOUBT ONE OF THE BEST FIGHTER-TYPE HUNTERS,
BUT HE CAN ALSO USE SUMMONING MAGIC?
HOW MANY BEASTS CAN HE CONTROL?
HE RUINED LEE MINSUNG'S PRESS CONFERENCE?
HE'S GETTING SO MUCH HATE ONLINE.

I KNEW IT. HE WAS AN S-RANK...

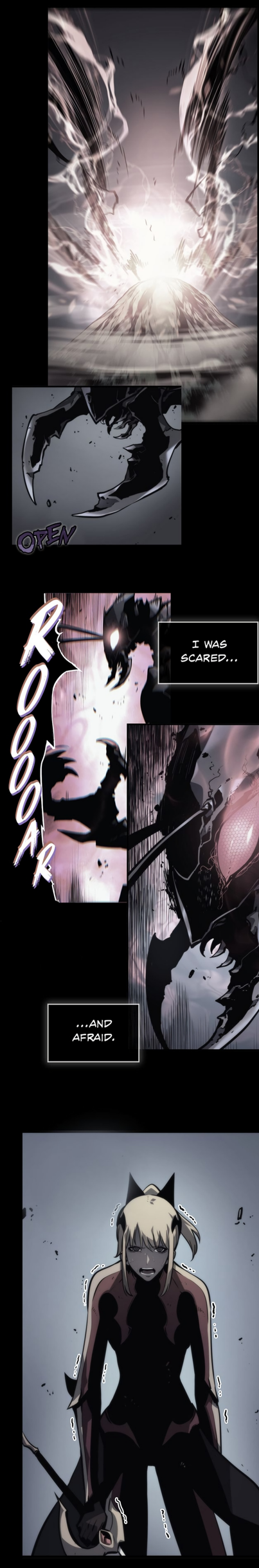
I DIDN'T GET THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS A BAD PERSON, THOUGH.

I TOLD MYSELF TO STOP WORRYING ABOUT HIM.

I KNEW I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TIME TO WASTE, BUT...



...HE STOOD OUT LIKE
A BURST OF COLOR IN A
GRAYSCALE WORLD.


OTEN
ROOOOAR
I WAS SCARED...
...AND AFRAID.

THE FEAR OF DEATH TOOK A HOLD OF ME.

BUT THEN...

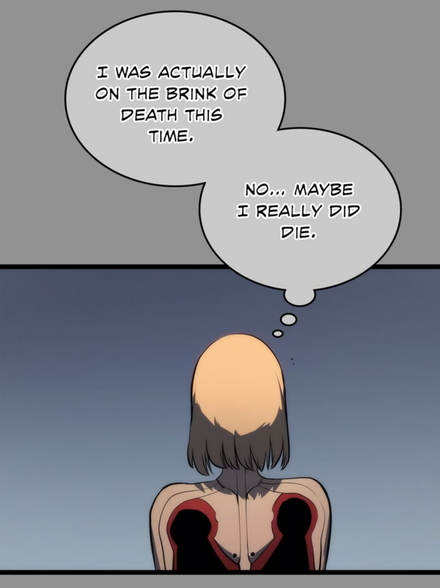
DO YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT?
WHERE AM I...?
INSIDE A HELICOPTER. WE JUST LANDED ON TOP OF THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION BUILDING,
AND WE'LL BE TRANSFERRING YOU TO A HOSPITAL SOON.

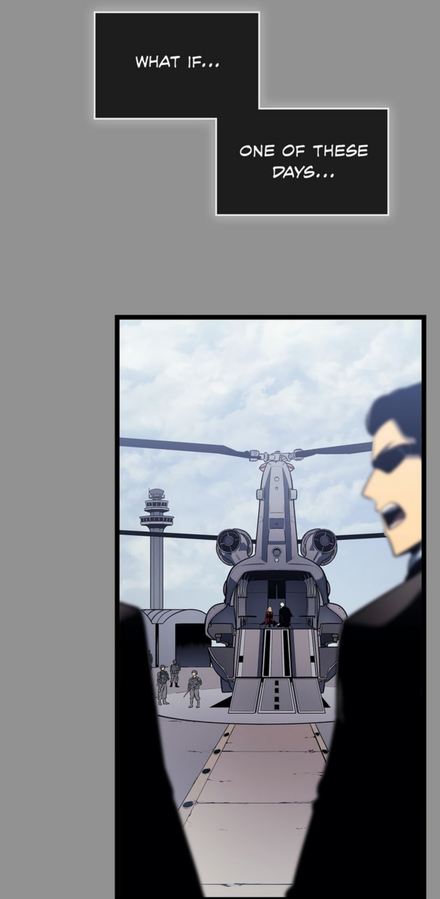
UH...

DID SUNG JINWOO COME TO HELP US?

NOD

I KNEW IT...
IT WASN'T A DREAM.


I WAS ACTUALLY ON THE BRINK OF DEATH THIS TIME.
NO... MAYBE I REALLY DID DIE.


WHAT IF...
ONE OF THESE DAYS...

...I FIND MYSELF IN A SITUATION WHERE I CAN'T ESCAPE DEATH?

...WHAT SHOULD I DO?

I CAN'T TELL HIM.

HOW COULD I EVER TELL HIM...

...“I WANT YOU BY MY SIDE UNTIL I DRAW MY LAST BREATH”?

NO WAY!!!

BLUSH

WHAT IS SHE UP TO?
IS THERE SOMETHING SHE CAN'T TELL ME?

WHY WON'T SHE TALK?
HER FACE IS TURNING RED. SHE MUST BE HIDING SOMETHING.

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S UP TO, BUT...

...MAYBE SHE HAD THIS ALL PLANNED A LONG TIME AGO.

ARE YOU NOT GOING TO ANSWER MY QUESTION?

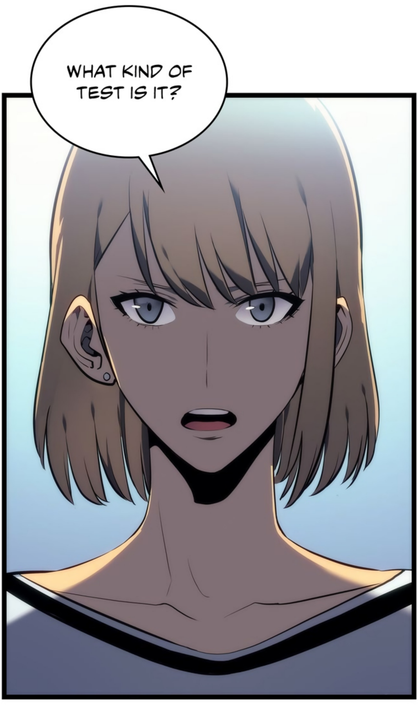
...I WANT TO...

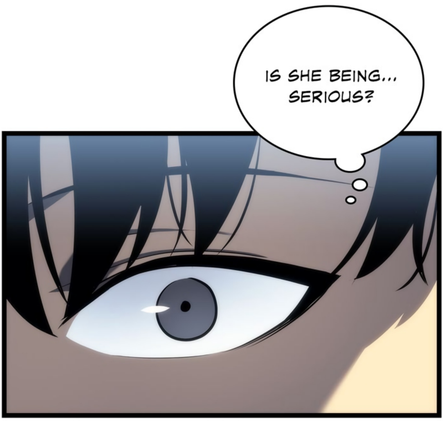
OH, MAN.
THE HUNTERS GUILD MUST'VE OVERWORKED HER, SIR.

CHA HAE-IN IS ONLY 22 OR 23 YEARS OLD.

THE BURDEN THAT COMES WITH BEING AN S-RANK HUNTER MUST BE WEIGHING HEAVILY ON HER SHOULDERS.

NOT TO MENTION, SHE SUFFERED A SERIOUS INJURY DURING THE JEJU ISLAND RAID.
I FEEL SORRY FOR HER, BUT...
THERE'S ACTUALLY AN ENTRANCE TEST THAT YOU MUST PASS IN ORDER TO JOIN OUR GUILD.
WHAT? BUT THE RECRUITMENT POSTING DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT-
IT'S A NEW REGULATION, SO OUR VICE GUILD MASTER MUST'VE MADE A MISTAKE.
JINHO, GO DOWNSTAIRS AND BUY SOME SNACKS AND DRINKS FOR OUR GUEST.
Y, YES, SIR!

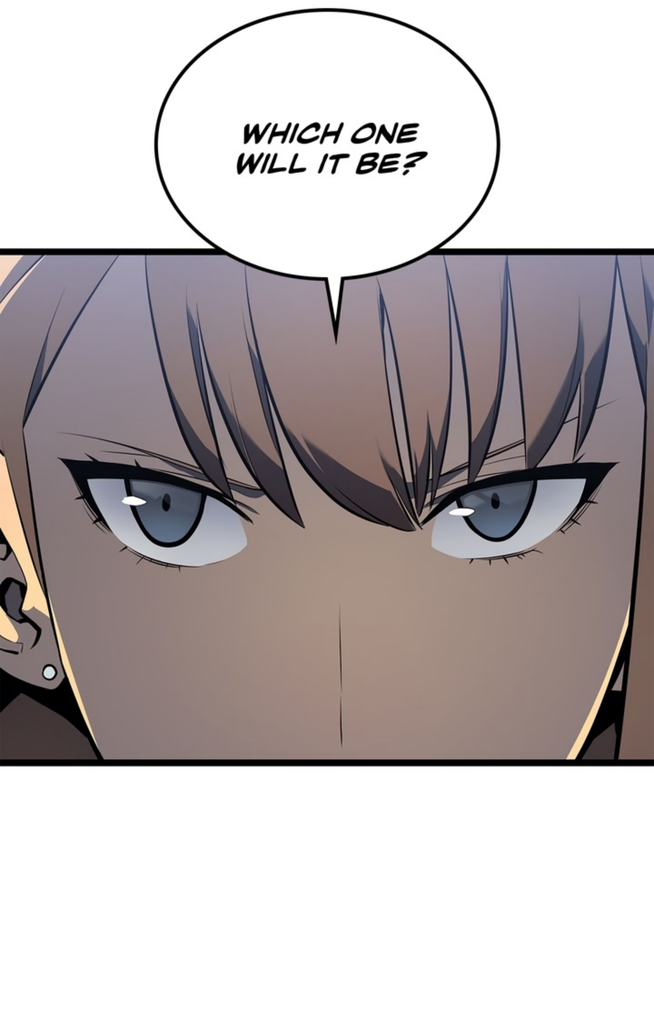

WHAT KIND OF TEST IS IT?

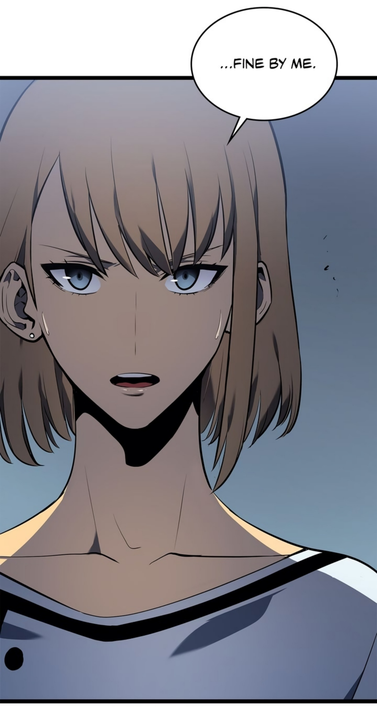

IS SHE BEING... SERIOUS?

OR JUST PLAIN STUBBORN?

YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT ONE OF MY SUMMONED BEASTS.

...IS THAT ALL?
I FEEL LIKE YOU
UNDERESTIMATE
ME, MR. SUNG.


WHICH ONE
WILL IT BE?



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